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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 27 June 1955:

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A. General:

Training continued at the same level. By 22 June, more than 1,000 tanks had arrived. Prior to mid-June, Soviet units in Austria were generally stationed at their posts.

B. Dispositions:

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1. First Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 8th Guards Mechanized Division: On 20 June, the division headquarters and elements of the 21st Guards Mechanized Regiment were observed at the Grimma post. An engineer battalion was seen at the Mulde river in the Grossbothen area.
- b. 9th Tank Division: Between 10 and 14 June, artillery units from the Zeithain camp were engaged in night firing and other exercises.
- c. 11th Guards Tank Division: On 13 June, artillery units were moved by road and rail from Dresden to Koenigsbrueck. The summer camp west of Schmorkau was occupied by an anti-tank unit. The tank unit from the Artillery Kaserne engaged in night firing.

2. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 2nd Light Artillery Brigade: Senior officers held an inspection of 20 June. On 22 June two or three shipments carried elements of the brigade to Forst Zinna.
- b. 9th Guards Tank Division: Prior to 12 June, elements of the tank regiments from Neustrelitz were observed at the Speck-Granzin training grounds.

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3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

- a. 9th Mechanized Division: On 11 and 20 June respectively, the tank regiments at Drachhausen and Luebben were found at their posts. On 11 June, troops believed to constitute an advance detail were observed at the Forst Tauer summer camp.
- b. 6th Guards Tank Division: Between 14 May and 17 June, the bulk of the division was absent from its posts; it was reportedly stationed in a summer camp in the area northwest of Jessen. Tanks crossing streams and construction of bridges across the Elbe river were observed in the Wartenberg-Gallin area. On 12 June, the camp at Apollensdorf was occupied by 400 engineers and 40 pontoons.

4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

7th Guards Mechanized Division: From 15 to 19 June, artillery units from Frankfurt/Oder and Beeskow were stationed at Jueterbog where they had arrived in two shipments.

5. Eighth Guards Army:

- a. Army Signal Regiment: The signal regiment was stationed in Weimar prior to 11 June.
- b. Corps Artillery Brigades: Units were observed in Merseburg prior to 12 June, and in Gera on 16 June.
- c. 39th Guards Rifle Division: The gun artillery regiment was no longer in Plauen after mid-May; it had allegedly been transferred to Glauchau. The bulk of the Meiningen rifle regiment was found at its post on 12 June.
- d. 20th Guards Mechanized Division: In mid-June, elements of the division were still absent from Jena. The training grounds north of Jena and at the Zeitz forest were being improved.

6. Fourth Artillery Corps:

On 16 June, one shipment with eight 152-mm gun howitzers of the 34th Artillery Division was dispatched from Potsdam to Altengrabow. On 17 June, the Nordlager and the Suedlager at Altengrabow were occupied to capacity by a total of about 8,000 soldiers. On 16 June, six new anti-tank or self-propelled guns were sent from the Jueterbog ordnance depot to Prora, and another six guns from the same depot to Rostock. On 18 June, three new anti-tank or self-propelled guns were shipped to Rathenow; on 19 June, twenty such guns were entrained there. Also on 19 June, armed rear details of the 6th Artillery Division which had remained in Rathenow were hastily loaded on trains.

C. Arrivals from USSR at Frankfurt/Oder (all flatcars with loads exceeding standard measurements):

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Date:	Destination:	Cars:	Remarks:
17 June	Forst Zinna	1 converted boxcar, 1 boxcar, 15 flatcars	Presumably misdirected. Proceeded from Forst Zinna to Zeithain
19 June	Forst Zinna	1 converted boxcar, 1 gondola car, 17 flatcars.	
20 June	Altruppin	17 flatcars	

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<u>Date:</u>	<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Cars:</u>	<u>Remarks:</u>
21 June	Forst Zinna	22 flatcars	Unloading of 20 new T-54's observed at Forst Zinna on 22 June.
22 June	Forst Zinna	1 converted boxcar, 1 boxcar	
22 June	Zeithain	20 flatcars 18 flatcars	

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D. Soviet Forces in Austria:

1. Except for some elements staying at summer camps, the units of the 13th Guards Mechanized Division and the 95th Guards Rifle Division were stationed at their posts in mid-June.
2. The bulk of the 32nd AAA Division was observed at the Apetlon firing range on 7 June.

E. KVP:1. General:

There was intensive recruit training at squad and platoon level, as well as record firing. Summer training at camps was supposedly going to start on 1 July.

2. Anti-Aircraft Artillery:

From 1 to 15 June, elements of the AAA Regiment Potsdam without recruits were observed at Altengrabow. The bulk of the AAA school in Oranienburg was stationed in Kuehlungsborn after 14 June.

3. Troop Arrivals:

There were about 120 additional arrivals in Prora, about 70 arrivals in the Oranienburg concentration camp, and about 80 in the Eggersdorf Kaserne. Between 100 and 150 recruits arrived in Zittau.

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